

Awards for All Grant received for Park Regeneration Project

Diss Town Council is delighted to announce that it has been successful in a bid for funding for the Park Regeneration Project receiving £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All grant. This money will be used to appoint a consultant to take the project to the next stage, enabling applications for much larger sums of money from sources such as the Heritage Lottery Fund's Parks for People Fund which can award grants of up to £5,000,000. The first phase of the Park Regeneration Project was completed in 2009 with the installation of a new state of the art children's play area which has proved to be very popular with local families and has also attracted people to visit Diss from all around the area.



The next phase will include:

- New Paths
- New lighting
- Improvements to the Denmark Street entrance
- Teenage shelter and play equipment
- Adult play equipment
- New picnic tables and seating
- Tree planting
- Wetland and shrub planting around the Mere
- New Signage & litter bins including recycling bins.

To achieve funding for the next phase from the Parks for People Fund a number of criteria must be met. These include involving local people in the management of the Park as well as ensuring that it meets local social, environmental and economic needs. Another requirement is that the Park should be accessible to all and valued by the community as an important part of the heritage of the town.

The role of the Project Manager will be to develop community involvement and to create a Green Spaces Strategy and Management Plan. The position will be advertised in the next few weeks and it is hoped that the successful applicant will be in post by the end of September.

Any member of the public who would like to be involved in this exciting project and help to create an amenity for present and future generations to enjoy should contact the Town Clerk, Deborah Sarson, on 01379 643848 email towncouncil@diss.gov.uk